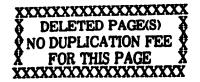
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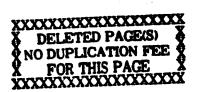


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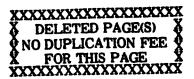


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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS SUBJECT:

> The purpose of this memorandum is to advise of contact with Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel, captioned Committee, regarding the number of requests that will be directed to the FBI by captioned Committee in the near future.

#### **DETAILS**:

On November 28, 1977, SAs Drew J. Clark and John T. Aldhizer III of the Special Investigative Division, and Danny O. Coulson of the Legal Counsel Division, met with Mr. Blakey to discuss the number of requests that will be forthcoming from the Committee. Mr. Blakey advised that the Committee had decided to concentrate its efforts with regard to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy into areas regarding the association of Jack Ruby with various organized crime figures. The Committee will explore the possibility that Ruby may have been part of a conspiracy that involved Lee Harvey Oswald. Mr. Blakey further advised that the Committee will be conducting a "grand jury type investigation" into Ruby's associates and activities and emphasized the need for timely response from the FBI to Committee inquiries. Mr. Blakey advised that the FBI's responses in the past have been adequate for the Committee's needs, however, with regard to this new area of inquiry a delay in response could jeopardize the Committee's efforts. He indicated that the Committee will be calling numerous individuals to testify and that quick access to FBI information is absolutely essential to the Committee. He stated that he would like to submit requests for the FBI on the Monday of each week in order to receive response on the following Friday.  $(2 - 1/7)^{-2}$ 

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Mr. Blakey advised that he was bringing this to the FBI's attention so that consideration could be given regarding the manpower needs that would be required to respond in this fashion. He indicated that the Ruby inquiries will begin in approximately three weeks and will last for about five months.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

(1) That the Special Investigative Division furnish its views regarding the adequacy of manpower and the ability to respond to the Committee's request in the time frame outlined by Mr. Blakey.

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(2) That the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, consider its manpower needs in light of these developments.

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The Congressional Inquiry Unit (CIU) was formed 11/76, and consisted of a unit chief, four supervisory agents, two stenographers and five service and support personnel. Subsequently, two research analysts (GS-9) were temporarily assigned to the CIU from the FOIA Section. These two research analysts both have returned to FOIA. As of 12/7/77, the complement of the CIU is one unit chief, four agents (one agent currently under transfer), one stenographer, two research analysts (GS-7) and three service and support personnel.

In view of the anticipated increase in the workload and with a short deadline to respond to the HSCA, contact was made with Inspector - Deputy Assistant Director Allen H. McCreight who advised 12/6/77, that the two research analysts who had previously been temporarily assigned to the CIU might be temporarily reassigned in the event of a heavy increase of workload. A memorandum has already been submitted requesting a replacement for SA John T. McGirl currently under transfer to Albany. In order to promptly respond to the requests from the HSCA, and based on past experience in handling previous requests, it is recommended that an additional stenographer and two it is service and support personnel be assigned to the experienced service and support personnel be assigned to the INCLU. An analysis of the personnel requirements of the CIU will be made in five months.

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Since Special Investigative Division addendum dated 12/7/77, the only experienced Clerk-Stenographer assigned to the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Sharon A. Sutherland, is being transferred to Division Six. An experienced Clerk-Stenographer for Sharon A. Sutherland is necessary. SA Drew J. Clark is working on a special matter in connection with the Kennedy assassination which will fully occupy his time and may assassination which will fully occupy his time and may four weeks. A temporary replacement for three to four weeks for SA Clark is necessary.

The Congressional Inquiry Unit has received from the HSCA since 12/1/77; 19 written requests. One of these requests dated 12/16/77, is ten pages and contains 80 individual requests. Another request dated 12/22/77, contains 16 requests, one of which requests access for the FBI file on "La Cosa Nostra" from 1/1/64, through 4/1/65. This request requires a thorough review of the file for excising material, Xeroxing the file and coordinating with the Organized Crime Section information that will be furnished to the HSCA. According to information recently received from Mr. Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, hearings are to commence the first or second week in January in both the King and Kennedy assassinations. hearings will be approximately three days a week and will result, according to Blakey, in numerous requests of the Bureau with short deadlines. If the HSCA is unable to fulfill its commitments based on their requests, in all likelihood the HSCA could claim the failure, in part, was due to the FBI to answer its requests in a timely manner.

In view of the above, it is felt that the need for additional personnel on a temporary basis is justified and necessary.

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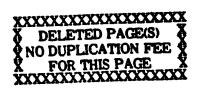
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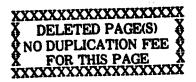
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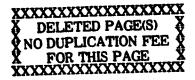
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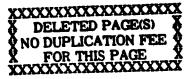
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Memorandum

: Mr. McDermott

FROM : H. N. Bassett

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D SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

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<u>PURPOSE:</u> To advise of meeting on 1/13/78 with Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, House Select Committee of Assassinations (HSCA), and his current requirements which will heavily task this Bureau's resources.

DETAILS: On 1/13/78 William Bailey, Deputy Assistant Director; Danny O. Coulson, Legal Counsel Division; George J. Foster, Unit Chief, Congressional Inquiry Unit; David Ryan, Section Chief, Document Classification and Review Section, and I met with Mr. Blakey in my office. Mr. Blakey indicated that while the Bureau has been prompt in handling requests from his committee, he wanted to emphasize that the "crisis" will be in the next 60 to 90 days and that prompt delivery of the material requested will be necessary since they will be conducting "grand jury" type hearings.

Mr. Blakey commented he has met with CIA officials regarding the need for expeditious delivery of material requested by the committee and the Agency has agreed to endeavor to make available such material within five days. To accomplish this deadline, the Agency has placed ten full-time employees on the project. Blakey expressed the opinion more material would be requested of the Agency than of the FBI.  $K_{1,2}$ When the ked his estimate of the volume of material to be requested of the FBI, Blakey responded it would be somewhere in the

vicinity of 500 volumes (100-150 pages per volume). Blakey stated the four prime objectives of the committee are to determine (1) if Oswald was responsible for the assassination; (2) if

Ruby was involved in a conspiracy; (3) if the Government agencies (FBI,

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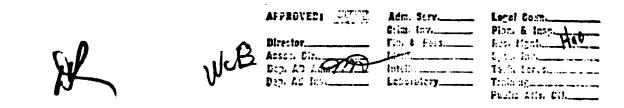
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CIA, Secret Service, Warren Commission, etc.) acted efficiently and properly; and (4) to prepare positive recommendations in accordance with the committee's mandate. He stated a key issue in the committee's endeavors relates to the credibility of the FBI and it was necessary for the Bureau to make full and complete disclosure.

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While Mr. Blakey assured of his complete cooperation in pinpointing areas of requests, there was no doubt the committee is going to be demanding on a highly expeditious basis a wide range of material which will severely task this Division's resources. Inasmuch as the Attorney General and the Bureau have pledged complete cooperation, we have no alternative but to comply with these anticipated requests. In fact, in order to handle the current requests, we have temporarily assigned four support persons from other Units in the Document Classification and Review Section to assist the Congressional Inquiry Unit. Further, we have assigned Records Branch personnel temporarily to expedite necessary Xeroxing. It is very probable we may have to rely upon Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Branch personnel if the committee demands accelerate as Mr. Blakey has indicated.

**RECOMMENDATION:** For information.





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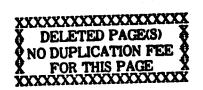
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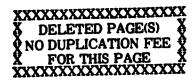
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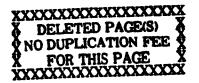




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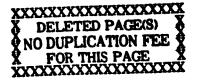
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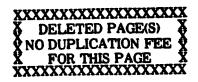
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. . Assistant Attorney General MERCIL COVERSE November 11, 1977 Criminal Division Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch - Mr. Monahan - Mr. Peelman Director, FBI - Mr. Foster - Mr. Clark 🗸 - Mr. Mintz (Attn: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS Mr. Coulson) U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA) - Mr. Moore (Attn: Mr. Sharp) Mr. C.C Enclosed are the original and two copies of a memorandum responding in full to HSCA requests by letters of October 7 & 17, 1977, signed by G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director. HSCA 287 Materials prepared for access are available in Room 8988 of the J. Edgar Hoover Building. You are requested to furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA. Enclosures - 3 SEE NOTE PAGE 2 DJC :sas (9) EX-1 REC-65 Den. AD Ad Dep. AD Inv. \_ Asst. Dir.: JAN SO Ada. Serv Crim. Inv. Fin. & Pors. ENCLOSURE I dans. letel. Laboratory Logal Coun. Logal Coun Adm. Marv APPROVEDI Plan. & 1859 Plan. & Issa arian lav. Bec. Missia Rec. Man Fin. & Pers Spec InvQ Spec. Inv. hirectof. idest. Tach. Serve Assec. Dir. Tect. Servs tatell. Training Dap. AD Adm. T:zini#C Laboratory. Public Affs. Off.

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NOTE: This response has been coordinated in detail with Organized Crime Section, Criminal Investigative Division, and Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division. Retrievable and producible material consisting of approximately 15 volumes has been organized into Tolders for Committee access and procedures are being implemented to insure that only Mr. Salerno or Mr. Blakey will be able to gain access to the Elsur material.

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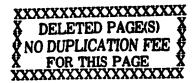


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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Beference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated October 17, 1977, requesting access to material in the files of the FBI pertinent to individuals listed therein.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum which responds to the above request and advises that material on four of these individuals is available for HSCA access at FBI Headquarters. Information on the other individuals, and the second is not  $(b)(\gamma)(c)$ 

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Retrievable information in FBI Headquarters files concerning the above individuals, with the exception of statement and statement, has been prepared for the Committee's access subject to the usual excisions or deletions. Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable from Headquarters files or is not being produced pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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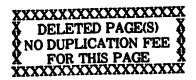
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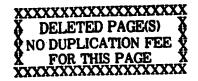






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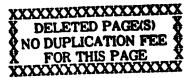
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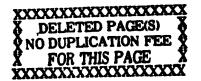


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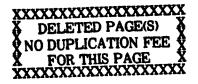
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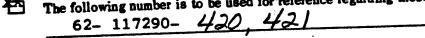
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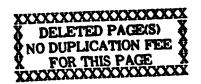


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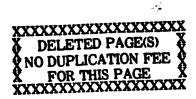
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THE PURPOSE OF THIS TELETYPE IS TO ALERT ABOVE LEGATS THAT THE HSCA IS ACCELERATING ITS EFFORTS REGARDING THE FOREIGN ASPECTS OF THE KENNEDY AND KING INVESTIGATIONS.

BASED ON CONTACT WITH STAFF MEMBERS, THE HSCA IS

INTERESTED IN REVIEWING RECORDS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND REC-54 TA:sas SEE NOTE PAGEZO (14) LTEDERAL BURLAU OF INVESTIGATION COMMUNICATIONS SECTION FEB 0 + 197 TELETYPE 3 1978 TELETYPE UNIT MAIL ROOM

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#### PAGE TWO E F T O

POLICE AGENCIES FOR ALL DETAILS CONCERNING BOTH ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATIONS. AT FBIHQ THE LEGAL LIAISON AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS UNIT, LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION, IS HANDLING LIAISON WITH THE HSCA. THE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT (CIU), RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, IS PROCESSING ALL MATERIAL WHICH IS BEING EITHER DELIVERED OR MADE ACCESSIBLE TO THE COMMITTEE. POLICY IS TO EXCISE IDENTITY OF FOREIGN AGENCIES AND THE INFORMATION WHICH THEY PROVIDED. NO IDENTIFICATION OF ANY POREIGN AGENCY IS MADE TO THE HSCA UNLESS FRIOR APPROVAL IS RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM THE AGENCY INVOLVED.

TO DATE, THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE HAS REFUSED HSCA ACCESS TO ITS RECORDS OR TO ITS RECORDS IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI. HOWEVER, THE HSCA EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD ARE CONTINUING. THROUGH THE U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT, THE HSCA IS ARRANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH AUTHORITIES FOR RECORD ACCESS, INCLUDING THOSE OF SCOTLAND YARD. HSCA STAFF MEMBERS HAVE RECENTLY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN IDENTIFYING ALL MEXICAN AGENCIES WHICH PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THESE CASES.

#### PAGE THREE E F T O

THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH G. ROBERT BLAKEY, CHIEF COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR, HSCA, FBIHQ HAS STRESSED THE SENSITIVITY SURROUNDING THE FBI'S LEGAT OFFICES AND MR. BLAKEY HAS GIVEN HIS ASSURANCES THAT THE HSCA HAS NO INTEREST IN JEOPARDIZING THIS SENSITIVITY OR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR AGENCY.

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FBIHQ SHOULD BE NOTIFIED OF ANY CONTACTS THIS COMMITTEE MIGHT HAVE WITH LEGATS. SHOULD ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT EXPRESS CONCERN REGARDING COMMITTEE CONTACT RELATIVE TO DISCLOSURE OF ANY INFORMATION WHICH THEY PROVIDED, THEY SHOULD BE ADVISED OF POLICY SET FORTH ABOVE. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING MAND ABOVE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO FBIHQ ATTENTION: LIAISON AND CIU. BT

#### PAGE FOUR EFTO

On 1/27/78, representatives of the CIU and Intelligence NOTE : Division held informal conference concerning possible effect on FBI Legats with respect to the HSCA, which is stepping up its inquiry into foreign aspects of the Kennedy and King assassinations. It was decided that pertinent Legats should be furnished information which might be helpful in assisting them if the HSCA makes any inquiries in their respective countries.

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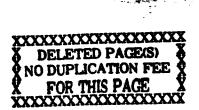
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September 30, 1977

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

NRON Enclosed are the original and two copies of a memorandum responding in full to an HSCA request by letter of September 7, 1977, signed by Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman.

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and additional data generated through FBI research, retrievable information identifiable with the above individuals has been prepared for Committee access subject to the usual excisions This material is available to the Committee, and deletions. in Room 8988 of the J. Edgar Hoover Building.

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Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

NOTE: This matter has been coordinated with the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, and all retrievable documents in file have been organized into folders for the Committee's access and are maintained in the Congressional Inquiry Unit space, Room 8988. This request has entailed a checking of approximately 950 file references. Prior liaison with Committee staff members interested in this material has been utilized to advise them that the numerous references would require some time to process.

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HOUSE SELECT CONDITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

RE: SEPTEMBER 7, 1977, REQUEST OF HSCA HSCA (6)(7)(2)

This constitutes a complete response to the September 7, 1977, letter of Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman, HSCA.

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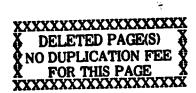
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Memorandum

: The Associate Director то

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SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

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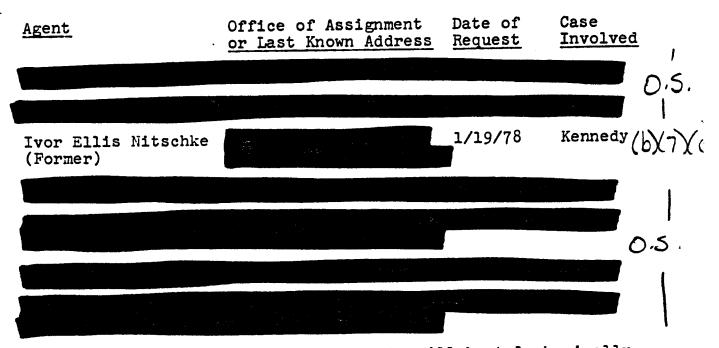
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The purpose of this memorandum is to request the PURPOSE: release of certain Special Agents from their employment agreement in order that they may be interviewed by captioned Committee.

To date, staff attorneys of the HSCA have conducted DETAILS: a number of interviews of Special Agents and former Special Agents in connection with the Committee's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. Additional requests for agent interviews have been submitted by letters to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA. These agents, their offices of assignment or last known address, the date of interview request and the case involved are as follows:

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Re: HSCA

If approved, the above agents will be telephonically advised by the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, and Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, of the interest of the Committee and, prior to interview, Legal Counsel representatives will provide these agents with a briefing as to the scope and limitations of the interviews.

<u>RECOMPENDATIONS</u>: (1) That the Director release the Special Agents named in the attached letter from their employment agreement to be interviewed by staff personnel of captioned Committee.

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(3) That the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, make appropriate notification to former employees regarding this matter.

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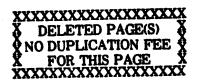
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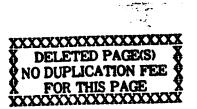


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The Director

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SUBJECT:

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

## **PURPOSE:**

To record information received concerning a letter of criticism by Staff Director Blakey of captioned Committee.

## SYNOPSIS AND DETAILS:

At 12:45 p.m. on February 1, 1978, Inspector Hotis told me that Judge, William Webster advised him that he had received a letter from Staff Director Robert Blakey of captioned Committee in which Blakey was critical of the time delay involved in the FBI's response to requests for information and documents by his Committee. Judge Webster told Hotis that he did not intend to respond to the letter.

The purpose of recording this information in our files is to advise you and others dealing with this Committee of the efforts being made by the Committee staff to encourage the FBI to use additional resources in order to respond more promptly to the Committee requests. REC.4 (2 - 11) = 92 = 438

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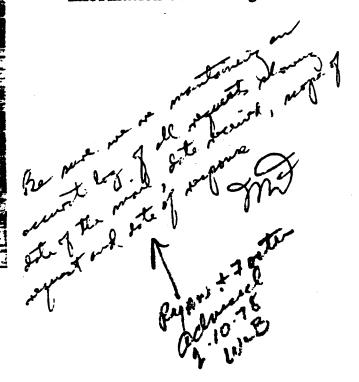
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## ADDENDUM: (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR H. N. BASSETT:jmr 2-2-78)

With regard to captioned matter, I, too, received a letter from Blakey dated 1-27-78, copy of which is enclosed, and in which Blakey is complaining regarding the time delays on the part of the FBI in response to his Committee's requests. An appropriate communication will be prepared and sent through in the immediate future concerning this matter.

I would like to record that Blakey called me on Monday, 1-30-78, and advised that such a letter was forthcoming. During that conversation he made specific reference to the Committee's request of 12-16-77 and the fact that the material still was not forthcoming. I told Mr. Blakey that I perceived a possible breakdown of communication. I noted that at the very moment of his call I was having a conference relating to requests by his Committee and had been informed that we were meeting the Committee's deadlines and that the reason the 12-16-77 request had not been complied with was due to the fact that Committee members had advised that there were other requests of a higher priority.

The foregoing is for record purposes and, as noted above, detailed information concerning this situation will be forthcoming in the immediate future.



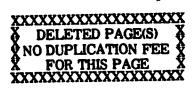
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